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<TEXT>We are "Seniors" who rely solely on Social Security and can not afford to pay more for our telephone service! We urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how taxes are collected for the Universal Service Fund. We are concerned that this proposal could make our current service unaffordable.

Under the flat fee tax you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same tax as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund taxes as a high-volume residential or business customers and thus pay at a higher tax rate. This is unfair!

We use our cellphone for safety and security and don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. We urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF tax system to a flat-fee charge.

Sincerely,

Dick & Shirley Sherman
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